



## Gift Shopping

by Jeffrey Lilly

Chanukkah is fast approaching, so now is the time to stop by the CSZ Gift Shop to pick out the perfect gift for a friend or loved one.

The Gift Shop has a wide array of Chanukkah-related items, including glass and marble dreidels, chanukkiyot in a variety of designs and Chanukkah gelt. You might also be interested in our growing collection of books, including the newly-arrived *Queer Jews*, co-edited by ex-CSZ members David Shneer and Caryn Aviv. On its way is *Found Tribe*, a book of particular interest to gay Jewish men.

For more traditional fare, we have *Etz Hayim*, the *Conservative Torah Commentary* and the *Plaut Torah Commentary*, the Reform Movement's alternative. Additionally, we have *The Haftarah Commentary*, edited by Plaut and Stern. There are quite a few other books as well, for both adults and children. This is your opportunity to give the gift of Jewish learning.

We have also had a recent shipment of new kippot, mezuzot and talit and we have added to our collection of kiddush cups.

The gift shop is open at 6:45 pm until 7:25 pm Friday evenings, except the first Friday of the month when we open at 7:30 pm and close at 8:05 pm. You may also shop during the week during office hours; call ahead for an appointment.



## World AIDS Day at CSZ

**Monday, December 1, 7 - 9 pm**

Monday, December 1 is World AIDS Day. Please join us for a brief prayer service and discussion with Aviram Meir Germanovitch, an HIV/AIDS activist from Israel. Aviram is actively involved in promoting HIV/AIDS awareness in Israel through media, school workshops, campaigns for the Israel AIDS Task Force and meetings

with the president and government officials. He has served as executive director of the AIDS Task Force and is currently co-chair of the annual Israeli art sale to benefit gays and lesbians with AIDS. Aviram has danced professionally in the Netherlands, Germany and Israel. His current goal is to promote acceptance for people with HIV/AIDS in Israel.

## Celebrate the First Night of Chanukkah at CSZ!



**Friday, December 19,  
beginning at 6:15 pm**

Don't miss out on this year's Chanukkah festivities. Grab a friend, load up the family, bring your chanukkiyah and head over to Sha'ar Zahav for a pre-Shabbat vegetarian potluck. Stay for Chanukkah storytelling, a festive Shabbat service and first night candlelighting. Following services, there will be a special holiday oneg featuring latkes and

sufganiyot (jelly donuts) to nosh. We continue our celebration with Israeli dancing and Chanukkah games for people of all ages. Make sure not to miss the first night of this Festival of Lights. For more information on the potluck, contact Sue Bojdak (x302 or educator@shaarzahav.org). For more information on post-service activities, contact Melanie Kushnir (x305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org).

## Upcoming Social Action Events

***It is No Dream*  
Havdalah, movie and  
facilitated discussion  
December 13, 6:30 pm**

The Jewish Film Festival guide said, "*It is No Dream* documents the will for peace and justice within modern Israel. Often in the United States, the Israeli 'position' on relations with Palestine is perceived as unified, but this film, packed with the testimonies of Israeli activists and commentators, portrays a vibrant, diverse dialogue rather than a simple monologue." For those of you who missed this movie at the festival, or those who saw it and wished you could discuss with others the feelings it evoked, be sure to come for this stimulating evening at CSZ.

We'll start with Havdalah, watch the film and finish with a discussion facilitated by long-time CSZ facilitator Susan Colson. For more information contact Richard Weiner (rweiner@nelsonnygaard.com) or Melanie Kushnir (415/861-6932 x305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org).

**Project Open Hand  
Volunteer Relief  
December 24 and 25**

Prepare food and deliver meals to people living with HIV. Contact Melanie (415/861-6932 x305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org) for more information.

(For more Social Action information, see page 3.)





## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

**Noah E.**

**Dan Ostrow**

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

**Originally scheduled  
for December 6,**

**A Taste of  
Kabbalah  
will be rescheduled.**

**Please check the  
weekly email for  
updates.**

## Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

*Rabbi Camille Shira Angel*

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Think Passover  
Watch for the  
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Coming in January**

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# Social Action Connection

by Susan Lubeck, co-chair

How do Sha'ar Zahavniks relate to social action? What are they passionate about and why? What is our history as a congregation? During a panel at the Congregational Advance, panelists Michael Chertok, Jim Frazin, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Ora Prochovnick answered these questions from their own varied perspectives.

Some suggestions and observations included:

"It's important to bring the spiritual element and our Jewish identity together with social action."

"The synagogue needs to take stands — from the bimah and as a community. This can be done in a way that still preserves the synagogue as a safe place for discussion and disagreement. There should be room for everyone and room for multiple responses."

Sha'ar Zahav could assist members — through networking with those who are experienced or in other ways — to find out more about how to expand their social action horizons via ambitious volunteer work or paid work.

We could host an event to highlight all the kinds of tikkun olam that our members are doing, in the great variety of arenas in which they are doing it and engage in dialogue about how this is connected to our Judaism.

Heartfelt thanks to the panelists, the attendees and to AJ Turpen-Fried for organizing the panel.

## High Holiday Season Highlights

The High Holidays presented many opportunities for service and our members and others rose to the season. Two highlights: Susan Mizner conceptualized and led a Yom Kippur break-out session on encounters with people who are panhandling — when and why do we give? Not give? Why are people homeless? This rich discussion was joined by dozens of people who came, spoke and listened.

The Shabbat Sukkot Shalom service was co-led by **Ora Prochovnick** and **Joe Hample**. **Patrick Mulcahey**, founder of the Wednesday dinners at Most Holy Redeemer Church, gave the drash. Patrick spoke about the significance of our partnership with them:

"When the Wednesday suppers were new, we knew nothing and nobody. Service agencies, even other churches, kept us at arm's length. What reason did they have to think we'd last another month? Then came a message from AJ Turpen-Fried, of your Social Action Committee. He'd heard of what we were doing and did we need help? You sent volunteers, who brought energy and ideas; some of them even brought us money. I will be forever grateful for the friendship and support you extended when we had precious little of either. What's more, the redoubtable Michael Schaffer, a member here and one of our Wednesday cooks, has given me a mini-education in your faith. He taught me the mean-

ing of your holy days, showed me the readings that go with them — he even chanted Kaddish at a memorial mass we held for a homeless boy who was murdered. Now we observe your major holidays as well as our own."

Patrick's interpretation of tikkun olam and Sukkot was powerful. He spoke about the importance of distinguishing charity from justice: "Those of us strong or fast or smart enough always take more than our share of Earth's treasures, in the name of providing for ourselves, so hazy are we about what is essential and what is not. The first step in healing the world is giving something back," and then went on to ask "the hard thing that must inevitably be asked: Can the world be healed? The needs of the poor, the sick, the homeless are a bottomless well. You can pour yourself out ceaselessly and never fill them up, for even one person. Does it make any difference what we do, if the task is impossible? Yes, but not for the reasons we usually say. That is the thing I have learned. That is the truth that speaks to us from the readings tonight, from Sukkot itself.

"The Feast of Booths doesn't ask us to stand with the poor exactly. It tells us we are the poor, that we are all homeless; that our mountain of things, our possessions, do not protect us; that the sense of security we draw from them is a dangerous illusion — and then it asks us to rejoice in that understanding."

## Ongoing Social Action Activities

**Wednesday evenings**, any time between 4 pm to 9 pm — Dinner with homeless neighbors — Most Holy Redeemer, 18 Street and Collingwood in the Castro. For more information, contact Melanie (415/861-6932 x305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org) or Larry Wong (masdvorchid@yahoo.com). If you go, look for Larry and he will help you get oriented.

**Exploratory Committee on Faith-Based Community Organizing:** This committee was authorized by the Va'ad and is currently exploring whether we should join the San Francisco Organizing Project. A recommendation is expected in early 2004. To find out more, contact Susan Lubeck (susanlubeck@aol.com) or other committee members: Richard Allman, Rachel Timoner, Drew Parker-Rose, Jim Frazin, Tiela Chalmers, Hershey Hirschkop and AJ Turpen-Fried.

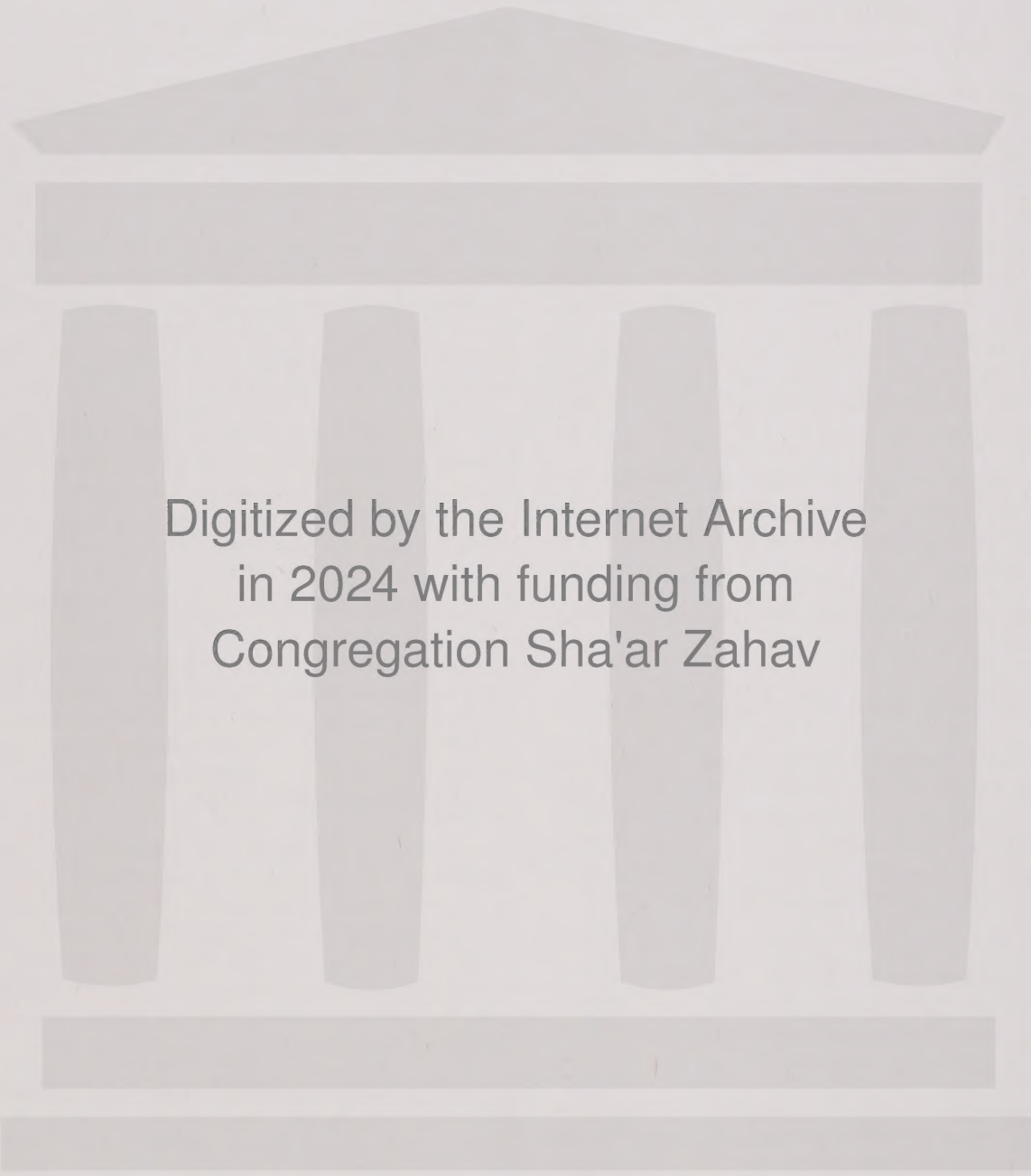


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## Aaron Goldman-MacLachlan's Bar Mitzvah



On Saturday, December 20 (Parashat Vayeshev), Aaron Goldman-MacLachlan will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, one week after his 13th birthday. Aaron has grown up in Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and has studied in Kadimah since the age of four.

He is now in his second year at Herbert Hoover Middle School and hopes to attend the High School of the Arts to pursue his interests in creative writing and graphic design. Aaron is an outgoing and affable young man who has a number of friends both at school and at CSZ. At school, he has played saxophone in the band for the past two years; before that he played clarinet. He enjoys running, playing basketball with his friends, bowling and talking to friends about "everything and anything." He is in Advance Placement classes and, until this year, has also been in a Spanish immersion program. He tries to keep up his Spanish even though his schedules and interests mean that it is no longer a part of his core program.

Aaron says that he has been a vegetarian (the only one in his family) since age three, when he decided that he didn't want to eat anything that had been alive and able to feel pain. He is a hearty eater and particularly enjoys eggnog, milkshakes, avocados and cookies. Immediate family members who are CSZ members include his mother, Joan Goldman; his mother, Rachel MacLachlan; and his step-mother, Nancy Silverrod.

Ora Prochovnick is his bar mitzvah mentor and has also taught him trope. Phyllis Mintzer has been his primary faculty teacher and taught him Hebrew and many other aspects of Judaism. He has also worked with Rabbi Angel. He says that all of these teachers, as well as his family, have been very helpful in his preparation.

He has been involved in 13 mitzvah projects, including raising money, helping to prepare a backpack for a youngster who needed one and working as a volunteer in the meal program. Plans are in the works for a beach cleanup weekend and a tree planting program.

All who know him hope that Aaron will continue as an active member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav throughout his life. Mazel tov to Aaron and his family!

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## Celebrating the New Year for Trees: Tu BeShevat Seder

Saturday, February 7, 7 pm

*"The still and quiet months are over; the seed is quickening, life is reasserting itself. In this hushed moment we celebrate the new year of the trees, and the reawakening of the Tree of Life."*

- Seasons of Our Joy by Arthur Waskow

In the time of the Temple, the 15th day of the month of Shevat was designated the official end of the year's fruit crop for the purposes of the tithe on fruit. It was considered a minor winter holiday that celebrated the "New Year for Trees." Recently (the last 500 years - that's recently in Judaism), Tu BeShevat has grown into a mystical celebration of the date on which the flow of life to our universe is renewed by the Tree of Life. Torah is often referred to as the Tree of Life and one of the Kabbalistic images of the many emanations of God is also of a Tree of Life.

Last year more than 30 people attended our Tu BeShevat seder. We drank a traditional four glasses of wine (or juice), tasted the fruits of the four worlds, learned some wonderful Kabbalistic teachings, heard stories and shared some songs. Please join us this year as we celebrate this unique winter holiday.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Melanie Kushnir (415/861-6932 x305 or [mkushnir@shaarzahav.org](mailto:mkushnir@shaarzahav.org)). Cost for members: \$18, nonmembers: \$27

## Toiletry Collection

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has an ongoing toiletry collection which we donate to homeless shelters. Please drop off all of your unused toiletries in the big red bin next to the information table outside the oneg room; hotel-size items are especially welcome. Our toiletry collection has benefited many local community agencies and is an easy way to do a mitzvah!

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For more information, contact Prudence Carter ([pruc@sbcglobe.net](mailto:pruc@sbcglobe.net))





# Pinat Yeladim Omishpachah

## Children and Family Corner

### Family Kabbalat Shabbat

This month the Family Kabbalat Shabbat is part of our Chanukkah celebration. See the article titled "Chanukkah Celebration" for more information.

### Baby Chavurah

**Sunday, December 14, 10 am to noon**

Bring those under-twos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, playtime and socializing. This month we meet at the synagogue. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish. Older siblings are welcome, as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

### Tot Shabbat

**Saturday, December 20,  
10:30 - 11:30 am**

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your two to five year olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

### Supporting Israelis Impacted by Terrorism

Wednesday Kadimah students (third grade and older) responded to a call from American Reform Zionist Association (ARZA) to write letters and draw pictures expressing sympathy to the family of 11-year-old Assaf Shtier of Haifa. Assaf was killed along with four members of his family in a cafe bombing on October 4. Four more members of his family were critically wounded. The Shtier family are members of Progressive Congregation Or Hadash in Haifa. In addition to writing moving letters of sympathy and support, students engaged in a lively discussion about the conflict, asking many questions about the seemingly endless cycle of violence. Kadimah will continue our dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict throughout the year, in order to understand the conflict and to find opportunities to act as and support peacemakers in the conflict.

### Reading to Raise Money

Kadimah students and pre-Kadimah students are reading to raise money for CSZ children's programs. From Simchat Torah to Chanukkah, children ages 2-13 will be gathering sponsors and keeping track of what they read. Sponsors pledge to donate a certain amount of money for each book the child reads. Participating children are encouraged to read books with Jewish and LGBT themes and get double credit for books read in Hebrew. If you want to participate as a reader, get an information packet including a pledge form, instructions and booklists in the Education Office. If you want to support a reader, contact Sue Bojdak (educator@shaarzahav.org or 415/861-6932 x302) and she'll match you with a participating child.

### Celebrating Sukkot with the Elderly

Kadimah students celebrated Sukkot with residents of the Jewish Home on October 15. Rabbi Shelley Marder of the Home led students and residents in Sukkot brachot and facilitated introductions; students and residents introduced themselves and shared their ages, from 8 to over 90 years old. Participants then painted small pumpkins together, while students shared ushpizin (traditional Sukkot "guests") panels that they made as a decorative gift to the Home's beautiful sukkah. After the residents left, Kadimah students and Rabbi Angel continued their studies with Hebrew, storytelling, text and songs related to Sukkot.

### Kadimah Welcomes New Staff

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes Vlada Teper to Kadimah as our new Ge'avah (K-1) teacher. Vlada joined our staff in October. Vlada is a former Fulbright scholar studying for her Masters in Education at Stanford. She has taught students in many settings including camp, literacy programs, writing programs, sports programs and in the public school system. Kadimah is also delighted about the return of Mo Kinberg to our teaching staff. Mo took over our

East Bay Hebrew class in November. She is an aspiring videographer and Jewish educator at Berkeley Midrasha and Temple Sinai in Oakland. Many thanks to member Carolyn Pines who generously donated her time as our interim Ge'avah teacher.

### Kadimah Class Spotlight: Kitah Gimel

How do you teach all of Jewish history to eight and nine year olds in less than 30 two-hour sessions? That is the challenge of Kitah Gimel. Teacher and CSZ member, Andrea Guerra takes on that challenge this year, employing games, art, discussion, drama and more to study key figures and major themes in Jewish history. Students are exposed to big historical ideas from biblical, early rabbinic, medieval and modern Judaism and study exemplary Jews such as Abraham, King David, Rabbi Akiva, Rashi and Henrietta Szold. Those ideas are made concrete through materials such as the graham crackers and frosting from which Kitah Gimel students recently constructed their model of Solomon's temple.

By the end of the year, Kitah Gimel students will have a sense of Judaism as an evolutionary tradition and their role in continuing to create the history of their people. Track Kitah Gimel's progress through history this year by watching the evolution of the timeline on the library wall.

Kitah Gimel is also the year when students join the Wednesday Kadimah community with additional time for the study of Hebrew and prayer. Guided this year by teacher Ila Cherney, Kitah Gimel students will build on their nascent Hebrew reading skills and engage in a study brachot (blessings).

Contact Sue Bojdak, Director of Family and Children's Education, (415/861-6932 x302 or educator@shaarzahav.org) for more information about any of these programs or to RSVP.

There is NO KADIMAH from  
December 24 through January 7.  
Classes resume on January 10.





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<b>7</b> <b>12</b>	<b>8</b> <b>13</b>	<b>9</b> <b>14</b>	<b>10</b> <b>15</b>	<b>11</b> <b>16</b>	<b>12</b> <b>17</b>	<b>13</b> <b>18</b>
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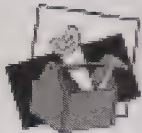




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## From the Jewish Toolkit

### A few nuggets of Jewish wisdom

The Jewish Tool Kit had a stressful week, so she sought comfort in the wit and wisdom of the sages, ancient and modern. These are just a few of her favorites:

"Be more prompt to do what you have not promised than to promise what you will not do."

"One who does not increase knowledge, decreases it."

"One who adds to truth decreases it."

"When a group of people are sailing in a boat, none of them has a right to bore a hole under his own seat."

"If you have done your fellow person a little wrong, let it be great in your own eyes, and rectify it. If you have done him much good, let it be little in your eyes. If he has done you a little good, let it be great in your eyes. If he has done you a great wrong, let it be little in your eyes."

"Who is wise? One who learns from all people. Who is strong? One who controls his passions. Who is rich? One who is happy with his lot. Who is honored? One who honors others."

"Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of feasting with strife."

"The well-being of the soul can be obtained only after that of the body has been secured."

"Eat and drink below your means, clothe yourself according to your means, and honor your fellow person above your means."

"It is wrong to suppress the views of an opponent. It is more fitting to ponder their meaning."

"Only the lesson which is enjoyed can be learned well."

"If you drop gold and books, first pick up the books, then the gold."

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- 1 Trudy Fulton-Smith
- 1 Rachael Reiley
- 2 Paul Fishman
- 2 Rose Heath Katz
- 3 Sophie Macks
- 4 Maxine Epstein
- 5 Reuben Zellman
- 6 Dan Alpert
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- 7 Sasha Chandler
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- 4 Marilyn O'Keeffe
- 9 Isa Leah Cymrot-Wu
- 18 David Glassberg
- 21 Walter Palmer
- 29 Allan Craig

## Naches



**Will Garcia and**

**Avi Goldberg**, on the birth of their son, Shai Garrett Garcia-Goldberg.

**Bill Jones**, on receiving his Marriage and Family Therapy license.

**Tsipora Prochovnick**, on her becoming a bat mitzvah.

**Red Bennett**, on becoming a bar mitzvah.

**Howard Steiermann**, on having an excerpt of his Rosh Hashanah 5761 sermon recently published in the UAHC Press book, *Kohelet, A Modern Commentary on Ecclesiastes*. Feel free to contact Howard for a full copy of his drash.

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- 2 Sara Haber and Beth Sousa
- 8 Claudia Bernard and Howard Herman
- 13 Pieter de Haan and Ruth Rainero
- 25 Lisa Lubchansky and Cristina Nguyen
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- 30 Ruthy Talansky and Maureen Bennett
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**Debra Yates, Sue Bojdak, Itai and Naftali Bojdak-Yates**, on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Jean Yates.

**Steve Berlin**, on the death of his father, Harry Berlin.







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